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THOSE SOUTHERN DELEGATES.

There is a great deal of speculation these days as to what the Southern delegates will do in the Republican national convention at Chicago. Will they remain loyal to President Taft, to whose nomination they have been pledged, or will they turn to Roosevelt when the balloting begins and serve his mad ambition to get a third term in the White House?

The Roosevelt claim to a majority in the convention is openly based on what his managers regard as a promising prospect of being able to detach a considerable number of the Southerners from Taft's cause. In other words the colonel is counting on support from the South to make up the deficiency with which he will go into the convention and he expects to get that support from men who have been instructed to vote for his opponent.

It is pertinent, therefore, to ask how he plans to win over those delegates, to guess a bit as to the means he will employ. Certainly conciliation will not be his method. In some other way he will have to get them, if get them he does in violation of the promise under which they will be sent from their home states to Chicago.

Collier's Weekly, one of the leading supporters of Roosevelt, has been telling a few things about Southern delegates in general who are sent to Republican conventions. In a series of articles it has charged that the large majority of them are either disreputable or federal office holders and accused by name some of those who will go to Chicago as being ex-convicts. Other Roosevelt organs refer to them as "mercenaries" and "venal political puppets" while they assert that the whole bunch will vote for the nomination of Roosevelt in spite of the fact that they are under instruction and obligation to support Taft.

Now what does this mean? What is the reason for such confidence that the Southern delegates will stampede into the Roosevelt camp? If it means anything, it means that the enormous campaign fund contributed by the steel and harvest trusts for the advancement of the colonel's candidacy will be evidence after the delegates have assembled, that not all the millions George W. Perkins, Dan Hanna and their associates are willing to spend to put Roosevelt back in the presidency will have been used before June 18. It is a matter of history that Southern Republican delegates have been bought before and there will be plenty of money on hand to buy them again, if it is possible to get them by outright purchase.

Let us recall that incident of the convention of 1888, referred to by General Sherman in a letter he wrote to his old comrade, General Alger, then United States Senator from Michigan. John Sherman, the general's brother, was an aspirant for the presidential nomination, but was put out of the contest by the desertion of the Southern delegates. Commenting upon the incident, in his letter to Alger, General Sherman wrote: "John is sore because you bought his niggers away from him, but that should not interrupt our friendship."

Times have changed since 1888, and it may not be possible for Perkins to finish the campaign for the nomination as Alger did; but there is sore because you bought his niggers away from him, but that should not interrupt our friendship."

PANAMA CANAL AND THE FISH.

Ichthyologists have discovered that the completion of the Panama Canal will result in the migration of Atlantic and Pacific ocean fish from one to the other for the first time. Though the oceans have always been connected, it seems that neither the fish of the Pacific nor their relatives of the Atlantic have ever been possessed of the energy to take the long trip around Cape Horn. The canal will make it an easy matter for a restless fish in either ocean to travel from lock to

lock with any vessel going by way of the canal and finding himself in the other ocean.

The possible results of this easy waterway are merely possibilities. When the canal is opened some codfish possessed of an investigating turn of mind may stray far from the Newfoundland banks through the canal and up to the coast of California. He may find such attractive marine residence sites that he will go home and tell his brethren of the opportunities for cod in the new ocean. Then there would be a chance that the codfish of the Newfoundland banks would move into the Pacific ocean in a body, unless the canal commissioners should decide to take some steps to stop the migration.

On the other hand the fish of the Pacific may be seized with the "go" fever. Ichthyologists are now investigating with a view to transplanting some of the huge fish which are to be found in the vicinity of Catalina island to the aquariums of Monte Carlo. With the canal open, the tuna and the other fish of the Catalina waters may visit Monte Carlo of their own volition, and, if they like the surroundings and the excitement of Monte Carlo life, they may migrate in that direction without putting themselves to the discomforts of a voyage in an ocean liner.

There is no telling whether or not the fish of the Atlantic will resent the encroachments of the fish of the Pacific or vice versa. The result of the canal opening may be the establishment of fish patrols at each entrance to keep out fish from the opposite ocean. However, this is a matter that the finny denizens of the deep salt water must settle for themselves. It has not been deemed necessary to consult them in regard to the opening of the canal.

SCHEMES USELESS IF UNWORKABLE.

Another method of destroying the trusts or making them be good has been discovered, and advocated in all seriousness in a paper published in a small interior town not very far from San Francisco. The idea is not new, except in the suggestion of its application to the "trust evil," but in that connection it is interesting. The proposal is for the government and the people of the nation to "cease patronizing the trusts, even if it causes some hardships," and then, it is claimed, "when business slackens up they will see what is in the wind and proceed to get right."

The sad thing about these simple solutions of grave problems is that they won't work. Otherwise they would be much more useful.

When our revolutionary forefathers, in session to consider their grievances against Britain, solemnly adopted a resolution calling upon all patriotic Americans to refrain absolutely from the use of any article sent from England subject to the stamp tax, one heartlessly practical member of the body spoiled the fun by calling attention to the fact that the resolution itself was written on paper which had paid the hateful tax.

The great corporations and the combinations known as "trusts," which have systematized and greatly reduced the cost of production and distribution through their methods of centralizing effort and applying the principle of the division of labor, in many cases appear to be inconsiderate of the desires and needs of the general public, and a few of them have assumed a somewhat cavalier attitude toward the laws of the land, but the nation would find it very hard to get along without them if it were possible to try the experiment. The meat of the coconut, however, lies in the fact that it is not possible, and therefore the only practical solution of the problem is offered in methodical and effective measure for curbing abuse of the power which the trust development gives. Such methods have been adopted under the present Republican administration and developed into a successful working system.

MOTHER OF THE EVIL.

There is one fundamental sole cause of all social injustice. Panics, lack of work, miserable wages, poor earnings of honest capital, swollen fortunes in the hands of a few and sore poverty in the homes of millions; palaces and sweatshops; magnificent mansions in which women wear on their persons the wages of two thousand poor girls' labor for a whole year, and bullpens in which other women submit to the most hideous debasement in order to escape the wolves of hunger and want; all these cruel phenomena of civilized life—all these grotesque and painful and distressing contrasts of human society, all, all, are the effects of one cause, the children of one evil mother. Primarily, invariably, inexorably, always and everywhere they are due to the monopoly of the raw materials, to the possession of the land—the ores, fuel, timber, water powers and other sources of the necessities of human life by a small minority of the whole people. It is a venerable system of social relations. It is older than the Pyramids. It has had the sanction of religion and statecraft and philosophy for thousands of years. And it is as wicked as the mythical devils and as cruel as the mythical hells.

It must have been small comfort to the Seattle Chinese, shot to death as an incident of a tong feud, to learn before he died that he had been mistaken for another man. It should not require many more events of the sort that have marked the "tong wars" on the Pacific Coast to bring about the devising of laws which will make possible the imprisonment or deportation of the tong officials who enter into the murder conspiracies and hire the "gunmen."

The investigation of Attorney General Webb into the unfortunate troubles at San Diego, made under the direction of Governor Johnson, promise the public a clearer idea of the situation than has yet been given. It is possible that San Diego has been condemned too severely for some of her treatment of the undesirable element with which she has had to deal, but there is no gainsaying that she has had to face some trying problems.

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